

**IN THE MATTER OF  
LORI BETH CASTLEDINE  
CNA APPLICANT**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
BOARD OF NURSING**

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**DEFAULT FINAL DECISION AND ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION  
FOR CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION**

On August 9, 2021, the Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) issued a charging document<sup>1</sup> (the “Charges”) to **LORI BETH CASTLEDINE**, certified nursing assistant (“CNA”) applicant, (the “Applicant”), alleging that the Applicant violated the Maryland Nurse Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 8-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.), specifically § 8-6A-10(a)(1), (4), and (20), predicated on § 8-703(b).

The Board’s Charges notified the Applicant of the opportunity to request an evidentiary hearing before the Board. The Charges also advised that if the Applicant failed to submit a request for a hearing to the Board within thirty (30) days from the date of the issuance of the Charges, the Applicant would waive the opportunity for an evidentiary hearing. In the event of such a waiver, the Charges notified the Applicant that the Board would issue a final decision and order by default pursuant to the authority of § 8-6A-10(a) and (b) of the Health Occupations Article, Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §§ 10-210(4) and 10-221 (2014 Repl. Vol.), and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 10.27.02.09, wherein the allegations of fact in the Charges would become findings of fact, the disciplinary grounds that the Charges alleged to have been violated would become conclusions of law, and the Board would order that the Applicant’s application for certification be

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<sup>1</sup> The Board’s Charging Document consisted of a three-page letter and a three-page document entitled, “Charges Under the Maryland Nurse Practice Act: Initial Denial of Application for Nursing Assistant Certification.” The Board’s Charging Document is appended to this Order as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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denied or that the Applicant be granted a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension.

The Board sent its Charges by regular and certified mail to the Applicant's last known addresses on August 9, 2021. The Board finds that the Charges were properly issued and that due and proper notice was given to the Applicant in accordance with § 8-6A-10.1 of the Health Occupations Article and §§ 10-207 and 10-209(a) and (c) of the State Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

The Applicant failed to submit a request for an evidentiary hearing within thirty (30) days from the date of the issuance of the Board's Charges. Thus, the Board finds that the Applicant has waived the right to an evidentiary hearing and that the Board is authorized to issue this final decision and order by default pursuant to the authority of § 8-6A-10.1(e) of the Health Occupations Article and § 10-210(4) of the State Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board adopts the allegations of fact, numbered 1-8 on pages 2-3 of the attached Charges, as Findings of Fact.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Accordingly, the Board concludes that the Applicant has violated § 8-6A-10(a) of the Health Occupations Article of the Maryland Annotated Code:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a certificate for the applicant or for another;
- (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
- (20) Has violated any provision of this title or has aided or knowingly permitted any individual to violate any provision of this title; *to wit*,

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§ 8-703. Misrepresentation

- (b) Certain representations prohibited. - Unless authorized to practice registered nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, or licensed practical nursing under this title, an individual may not use the word "nurse" to describe the profession of the individual[.]

**ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Application of Lori Beth Castledine for certification as a certified nursing assistant in the State of Maryland is hereby **DENIED**; and be it further

**ORDERED** that this Default Final Decision and Order is a **PUBLIC RECORD** under Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol.).

JUN 22 2022

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Date

Karen E. B. Evans MSN, RN-BC  
The Executive Director's Signature  
Appears on the Original Document

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under § 8-6A-10 of the Health Occupations Article may take a direct judicial appeal within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is mailed, as provided by § 8-6A-11 of the Health Occupations Article, § 10-222 of the State Government Article, and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules, including Md. Rule 7-203 ("Time for Filing Action").

**JUN 22 2022**

DATE MAILED: \_\_\_\_\_



# Board of Nursing

Larry Hogan, Governor • Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor • Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

August 9, 2021

**VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

The Respondent's Address Appears on the Original Document

**RE: NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION- Charges under the Maryland Nurse Practice Act:  
Initial Denial of Application for [CNA] Certificate**

Dear Ms. Castledine:

The Maryland State Board of Nursing (the "Board") is the state agency responsible for the regulation of the practice of nursing in the State of Maryland pursuant to the authority of the Maryland Nurse Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ."), § 8-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.). Pursuant to § 8-6A-10(a) of the Health Occupations Article, the Board may deny an application for a certificate or grant a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, and/or impose a monetary penalty to an applicant if the Board finds that the applicant has violated any of the disciplinary grounds set forth under Health Occ. § 8-6A-10(a)(1)-(34).

Based on the allegations of fact and violation(s) of the disciplinary ground(s) cited in the enclosed document entitled, "Charges Under the Maryland Nurse Practice Act: Initial Denial of Application for Certified Nursing Assistant" (hereinafter "Charges/Initial Denial"), the Board is notifying you that it has considered your application for certification to practice as a certified nursing assistant in the State of Maryland and has decided to initially deny your application. This letter and the enclosed Charges constitute the notice of agency action required by the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Annotated Code, State Government ("State Gov't.") § 10-207.

Under § 8-6A-10.1 of the Health Occupations Article, the Board is required to give you an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the Board prior to the Board denying your application for certification to practice as a certified medication technician.

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Fax: (410) 358 - 3530  
[www.mbon.maryland.gov](http://www.mbon.maryland.gov)



**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION: Charges Under the Nurse Practice Act  
Lori Beth Castledine, CNA Applicant**

**TO REQUEST A HEARING:**

If you wish to schedule a hearing, please submit a written request for hearing to the Board within 30 days of the date of this letter, by mail, fax or email, to:

**Attn: Amber Havens Bernal  
Enforcement Division – Discipline Dept.  
Maryland Board of Nursing  
4140 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215  
Fax: (410) 358-1499  
Email: [mbon.nursingdiscipline@maryland.gov](mailto:mbon.nursingdiscipline@maryland.gov)**

A Request for Hearing form has been enclosed for your convenience.

If you submit a written request for an evidentiary hearing, the Board will schedule a case resolution conference to provide an opportunity for a resolution of this case without proceeding to a formal evidentiary hearing. Your attendance at the case resolution conference is voluntary, and your decision not to attend the case resolution conference will not have any influence on subsequent proceedings in this case. If you choose not to attend the case resolution conference, the Board will schedule an evidentiary hearing on the merits of the Charges/Initial Denial.

The Board will notify you in writing, at your last known address on record with the Board, of the date, time and location of the case resolution conference and evidentiary hearing. A copy of the Board's hearing procedures will be made available to you upon request. The hearing before the Board will be conducted in accordance with the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, State Gov't § 10-201 *et. seq.*, § 8-6A-10.1 of the Health Occupations Article, and regulations promulgated by the Board at Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") Title 10, Subtitle 27, Chapter 02.

Pursuant to § 8-6A-10.1 of the Health Occupations Article, and §§ 10-206.1 and 10-208 of the State Government Article, you have the right to be represented by an attorney, to subpoena evidence and witnesses, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses called against you, and to present summation and argument. Pursuant to § 8-6A-10(a)-(b) of the Health Occupations Article, § 10-221 of the State Government Article, and COMAR 10.27.02.09, if, after a hearing, the Board finds that you violated any of the disciplinary ground(s) in § 8-6A-10(a) cited in the enclosed Charges/Initial Denial, the Board may take disciplinary action against your application by issuing a **public** Final Decision and Order that will include findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order that denies your application for certification or grants you a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, suspension, and/or a monetary penalty.

Also, pursuant to § 10-208(b)(7) of the State Government Article, you may agree to the evidence and waive your right to appear at the hearing before the Board. However, if you waive your right to appear at the hearing or fail to appear at the hearing for any other reason, please be advised that pursuant to § 8-317(e) of the Health Occupations Article, § 10-210(4) of the State Government Article, the Board may hear and consider the State's evidence, decide the disposition of your case despite your absence, and issue a **public** Final Decision and Order, which will include findings of

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fact, conclusions of law, and an order that denies your application for certification or grants you a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, suspension, and/or a monetary penalty.

**IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING:**

If you do not request a hearing in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter, you will have waived your opportunity for a hearing. Pursuant to the authority of § 8-6A-10(a) and (b) of the Health Occupations Article, §§ 10-210(4) and 10-221 of the State Government Article, and COMAR 10.27.02.09, the Board may, in its discretion, issue a **public** Final Decision and Order by default, in which: (1) the allegations of fact in the Charges become findings of fact; (2) the section(s) of § 8-6A-10(a) of the Health Occupations Article that the Board has alleged you violated in the Charges/Initial Denial become conclusions of law; and (3) a disciplinary sanction is ordered which denies your application for certification or grants you a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, suspension, and/or a monetary penalty.

Any decision made by the Board regarding the Charges/Initial Denial could affect your application for certification to practice as a certified nursing assistant in the State of Maryland. Any Final Decision and Order issued by the Board will be a **public document** and **cannot be expunged**. Therefore, you are strongly advised to retain and be represented by an attorney in any proceeding before the Board. To appear on your behalf, your attorney must be admitted to the Bar in Maryland or specifically admitted pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-217 which governs special admission of out-of-state attorneys *pro hac vice*.

If you or your attorney have any questions about this letter, the enclosed Charges/Initial Denial, or the Board's initial denial of your application, or if you wish to see any other material in the Board file regarding this case, please contact the Administrative Prosecutor assigned to your case, Denise McKoy, AAG, at (410) 767-1384

Karen E. B. Evans MSN, RN-BC  
The Executive Director's Signature  
Appears on the Original Document

Encls: (1) "Charges under the Maryland Nurse Practice Act and Initial Denial of Application for Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate"  
(2) Request for Hearing form

cc: Denise McKoy, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor

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| LORI BETH CASTLEDINE                     | * | BOARD OF NURSING           |
| CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT<br>APPLICANT | * | OAG CASE No. 21 – BP - 027 |

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**CHARGES UNDER THE MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT:  
INITIAL DENIAL OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR NURSING ASSISTANT  
CERTIFICATION**

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) hereby initially denies the Initial Application for Nursing Assistant Certification of **LORI BETH CASTLEDINE**, (the “Applicant”), pursuant to the Maryland Nurse Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Article (“Health Occ.”) §§ 8-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act are as follows:

§ 8-6A-10 (a) *Penalties.* - Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-317 of this title and § 8-6A-10.1 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a certificate or grant a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, to any applicant..., if the applicant ...;

(1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a certificate for the applicant or for another;

(4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;

(20) Has violated any provision of this title or has aided or knowingly permitted any individual to violate any provision of this title; *to wit,*

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**ALLEGATIONS OF FACT<sup>1</sup>**

The Board bases its charges on the following facts that the Board has cause to believe are true:

1. On or about August 13, 2020, the Applicant submitted an Initial Application for Nursing Assistant Certification ("CNA Application").
2. On the CNA Application, the Applicant answered "no" to the following questions:  
  
Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere (this includes a guilty plea for which a PBJ was received) to a misdemeanor?  
Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere (this includes a guilty plea for which a PBJ was received) to a felony?

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3. On November 21, 2007, the Applicant pled no contest to and was convicted of: (1) Lewd Lascivious Conduct by Person 18 yo or older (2) Lewd Lascivious Exhibition by Person 18 yo or older, both felony crimes. The Applicant was sentenced to serve two years, with credit for time served, and placed on supervised probation for three years.
4. The Information filed on May 10, 2007, provides the following:  
  
...Lori B. Banks...on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2005 through 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, did intentionally, being a person eighteen years of age or older, solicit [name redacted], a person under the age of sixteen years, to commit a lewd or lascivious act, to-wit, sexual activity with [individual] and Lori Banks.  
...Lori B. Banks...on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2005 through the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, did intentionally, being a person eighteen years of age or older, in a lewd or lascivious manner or commit any other sexual act not involving actual physical or sexual contact with [name redacted], a person less than sixteen years of age, to-wit, engage in sexual activity with [individual] while in the presence of [name redacted].
5. On November 22, 2007, the Applicant signed a Waiver of Rights and Plea Agreement, and agreed to enter a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) to the Charges as filed.

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Applicant's conduct identified herein are intended to provide the Applicant with reasonable notice of the asserted facts. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Applicant.

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6. The Applicant is identified as a sexual offender on the sexual offender registries in the States of Florida and Maryland.

**MISREPRESENTATION<sup>2</sup>**

7. A review of the Applicant's Instagram account reveals the following public posting:  
The Applicant identifies herself as "Lori Castledine Neuroscience Nurse."
8. A review of the Applicant's Facebook account reveals the following public postings:  
The Applicant identifies herself as "Lori Castledine - I'm a mother, wife, blogger and a Neuroscience Nurse #Nurselife."  
A posting with the Applicant's picture and the caption "I am a nurse. it's my week Nurses Week 2020."

**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE SANCTIONS**

If the Board finds that there are grounds for action under Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. § 8-6A-10 (a) (1), (4) and/or (20), the Board may issue a public Final Decision and Order, which will include findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order that your application for certification be denied or that you be granted a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension.

August 9, 2021  
Date

Karen E. B. Evans MSN, RN-BC  
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<sup>2</sup> The Applicant is not licensed as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse in any jurisdiction.